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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. General Cabell called me today to ask what decision had been made regarding his prior request for an Agency employee to assist General Gordon Saville with his limited war, subversive warfare, counterinsurgency panel by sitting in on three or four meetings to be held in Los Angeles. I told General Cabell I had taken this matter up with Dick Helms, that Mr. Helms feels Jim Critchfield is the appropriate officer to do this, but that he is reluctant to let Mr. Critchfield go because of work commitments here. I added that [] is the only other man for this but that he is away on a trip. I stated that Mr. Helms is not very enthusiastic about providing anyone, that we are overpressed in that area and could not see the take coming back to us, and if we did let someone go to aid General Saville, it would be done only as an accommodation to General Cabell personally. General Cabell stated he would be glad to get it on that ground but would rather have it on the ground of doing a favor for the Air Force.

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2. General Cabell said our decision probably rests on what days the meetings in Los Angeles will be held. He added that he is leaving for the West Coast tonight and will ask General Saville for the exact dates he will need someone there, advising General Saville that our problem is one of manpower, not policy. I agreed with this latter point, stating that we send people all over the world for lesser causes, would like to give proper expertise and mend fences with the Pentagon but I had misgivings about this since I could not see any direct payback.

3. In response to my query as to who would pay the expenses, General Cabell said he assumed the Air Force would but he would check this out. He said he would give me a bill of particulars before we put anything on the line. General Cabell will be in touch with me upon his return from the West Coast.


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